

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006, which set a three-month period for response. Filed herewith is a Request for a Two-month Extension of Time, making this amendment due by January 9, 2007.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to for various informalities. Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,706,675 to Manikowski, Jr. Claims 8-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manikowski, Jr. as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,386,309 to Peschka.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 5-7, if rewritten in dependent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, the specification was amended to address the objections.

Claim 1 was amended to add the features of allowed claim 7 and intervening claim 4. Allowable claim 5 was rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 was canceled.

Claims 1-3 and 5-10 all now stand in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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